

# The Friday Memo

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## Celebrate July 4th in Sanford!

Star Spangled Sanford, presented by the City of Sanford and Orlando Sanford International Airport, will be held Saturday July 4th beginning at 5 PM with entertainment everywhere. This year's celebration includes lots of new features for an afternoon of patriotic family fun. Come meet Hank the Budweiser Clydesdale, view the amazing feats of an acrobatic stilt show, extreme trampoline demonstration and strolling live entertainment. Scooter the DJ will keep the party rocking right up to the spectacularly choreographed fireworks show over beautiful Lake Monroe. There are food and beverage vendors for all tastes. Come see our new splash pad and play area for the kids in beautiful Ft Mellon Park on the RiverWalk. For directions and for additional information visit [www.sanfordfl.gov](http://www.sanfordfl.gov) and click on *Star Spangled Sanford*.

## Patience Pays Off

With the concept of a new public safety building nearly two decades in the making, the City will hold the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Police and Fire Department Headquarters on Wednesday, July 1st at 10 AM. The project consists of a 75,000 square foot joint headquarters building to be constructed on a six-acre site at the southeast corner of West 13th Street and Lake Avenue. The land was formerly owned by the State of Florida and was purchased by the City in 2007 from the Department of Agriculture. Construction costs are estimated at just under \$16 million under contract with Wharton-Smith Inc. Construction Group. Total development costs are \$21 million. In addition to housing Sanford's Police and Fire Departments, the facility will contain the City's Emergency Operations Center as well as provide a dedicated community meeting room and a public plaza. The building will be hardened to a 150 MPH wind rating with the assistance of a \$705,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This project will also include roadway improvements on West 13th Street and Lake Avenue immediately adjacent to the site.

## Congratulations! It's a Boy!!

Gene Manning [Leisure Services, Stadium Superintendent] welcomed his third son yesterday. Caden James bounced in at a healthy 7 pounds 4 ounces. Congratulations to Mother, Daddy and brothers Ethan and Brady!



## Scholarship Recipient

Planning Engineer Dave Richards was awarded a scholarship from the Florida Floodplain Managers Association to attend the Association of State Floodplain Managers 33rd Annual Conference held in Orlando during the week of June 8 - 12. The scholarship covered registration fees and training costs. Workshop topics included methods for flood proofing properties, Low Impact Development techniques, damage assessment, Community Assistance Visits and common errors made in Letters of Map Revision submittals. The information and training obtained at the ASFPM conference enables staff to better assist property owners and the development community with flood plain related issues.

## Christine Dalton, Master of Arts in Historic Preservation (MAHP)

Community Planner/Historic Preservation Officer Christine Dalton received word this week that her graduate school has accepted her master's thesis. The thesis title is, "Identifying Preservation Values in African American Communities: Interpretation of the National Register Criteria". Christine's thesis committee members were: Hugh C. Miller, FAIA, former chief historical architect for the National Park Service, former director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources and State Preservation Office, founder and past president, Association for Preservation Technology Foundation; Ann Bonnette Hart, MAHP, Historic Preservation Consultant, former Historic Preservation Planner, City of Tampa; and Dr. Michèle Gates Moresi, Curator, Smithsonian Institution National Museum of African American History and Culture. Christine will receive her graduate degree in Baltimore, Maryland on August 2nd.



## 1st Street Improvements Phase II

City contractors are near substantial completion of this project and are scheduled to open the street to traffic on Thursday, July 1, 2009.

## Northshore/Marina Island

City contractors are forming and placing the concrete wall cap and are doing backfill and final grading. Scheduled substantial completion date is the end of June.



## River Rats

Upcoming home games:

Friday, June 26th

DeLand Suns

Saturday, June 27th

Double Header\*

Clermont Mavericks

@ 5 PM and 7 PM

Monday, June 29th

Leesburg Lightning

Games begin at 7 PM

and admission is \$5.

Come out to the Sanford Historic Memorial Stadium and support your River Rats!



## Farmers, Artists and Crafters, Oh My!

Saturday, June 27th, is the combined Farmers, Artists and Crafters Market from 9 AM - 1 PM in Magnolia Square, downtown Sanford. Don't forget about the "Love Your Farmers Market" online contest at [Care2.com](http://www.care2.com). Help our Farmers Market win \$5,000. Every vote helps promote local food, family farms and sustainable agriculture. For more information on the Sanford Farmers Market, visit <http://www.myspace.com/sanfordfarmersmarket>.



## Historic Preservation 2009 11 Most Endangered List

The Student Museum and Center for Social Studies has been designated by the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation as one of the 11 Most Endangered Historic Places for 2009. This "Most Endangered" list is designed to increase the public's awareness of the urgent need to save Florida's neglected or threatened historic resources. As the title suggests, only 11 properties in the entire state are awarded this designation. Designation allows for statewide recognition, and may be used as a marketing tool, to solicit donations to ensure the continued use of this valuable historic site.



## Sanford Style 101

The City Manager's Office recently hosted a couple of training sessions on *Sanford Style*. *Sanford Style* is a guideline for correct usage for City communications. For those of you who were unable to attend and as a refresher for those who did, we're going to do a brief segment in each week's Friday Memo for a while as a basic review. All employees who are responsible for preparing City correspondence should have a copy of *Sanford Style*. If you don't have a copy or if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for additions to this stylebook, please contact Debbie Simmons at [simmons@sanfordfl.gov](mailto:simmons@sanfordfl.gov). Here's this week's question:

When writing phone numbers, what is the proper method to use?

- Periods
- Hyphens
- Parenthesis
- All of the above

Answer: (a) Periods. Example: 407.688.5008.

## Quit Smoking NOW!

The City of Sanford invites you to register today! This is a five-week program that is available to City employees at no cost. Classes are every Wednesday starting July 8th through August 5th from 9 - 10 AM. For information about attending this class or to register, contact Joyce McCoy at 407.688.5134 or [rigginsj@sanfordfl.gov](mailto:rigginsj@sanfordfl.gov).

## Community Family Day

Saturday, June 27th is Community Family Day at the Barn in Sanford. There will be Bicycle Safety given by Sanford Police Bicycle Patrol, water slides, bounce houses, mazes, a bicycle raffle and more. Children's ID cards will be supplied by Dan Newlin, the Newlin Law firm, and our very own Mayor Linda Kuhn will be doing "Snow Cone" duty from 4 - 5 PM for this great kids day event. The day starts at 3 PM for the family and later in the day at 7 PM adults can have some fun with live music and dancing.

## Pet Pics

Today was *Take Your Dog To Work Day* - a day that was created to celebrate the great companions dogs make. The City was proud to be one of the many employers around the world to experience the value of pets in their workplace for this one special day to promote pet adoptions. We're looking forward to receiving pictures from all who participated for next week's Friday Memo!



Any time you would like your pet[s] featured in the Friday Memo, simply send a picture along with a brief background to Debbie at [simmons@sanfordfl.gov](mailto:simmons@sanfordfl.gov).